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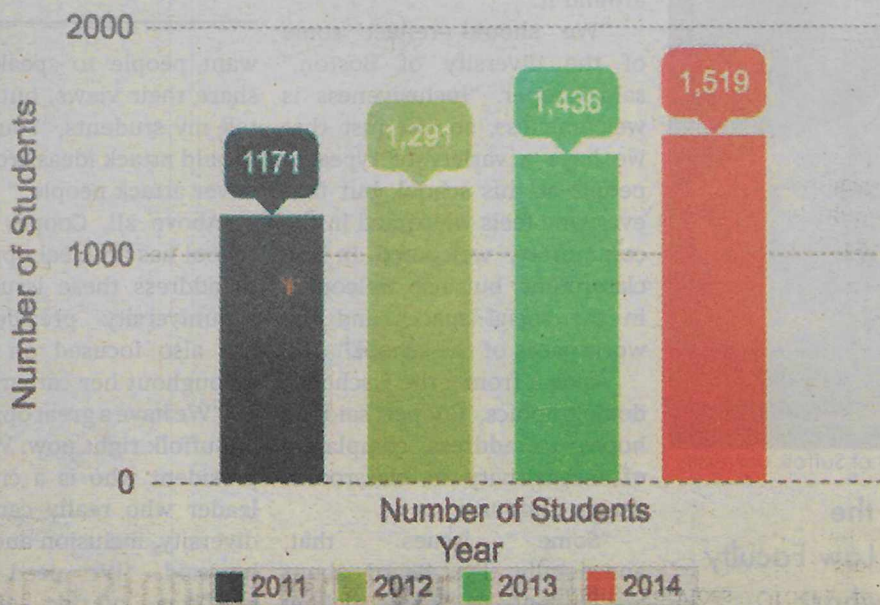
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Mobility, economy increase international undergraduates



Brigitte Carreiro
News Editor

Suffolk's international student population has been on the rise for the past four years, growing to just shy of 1,600 last semester compared to barely 1,100 during the Fall 2011 semester, an increase due to a heightened mobility among international students.

Tracy Fitzgerald, assistant director of the International Student Services Office, has worked with Suffolk since 2009 when, according to her, there were just about 800 international students enrolled at the university. She attributed the recent increase to a realization among international families that the advantages of an education abroad are unbeatable.

"More and more students and families are entering into a place where, economically,

they can afford to send their children overseas. They see the value of an international education," she said. "They also want their children to have a competitive edge, so the idea of being educated abroad and then returning to the home country is a certain advantage when it comes to looking for jobs."

Director of the Center for International Programs and Services, Kathleen Sparaco, added that the trend of an increased international population at Suffolk is a national one, as there has been a 50 percent increase across the country since 2007. The United States houses the largest number of international students, according to her.

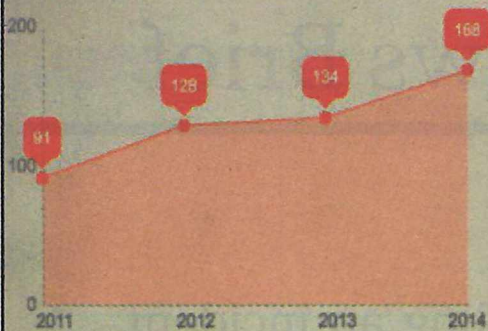
"The U.S. tends to be a very big draw," she said.

Suffolk sees the highest number of these students coming from China and Saudi Arabia, as Chinese enrollment

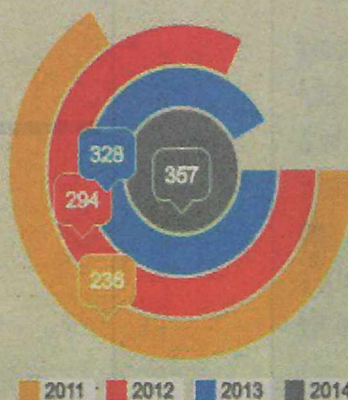
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Alexa Gagosz/ Journal Staff

SAUDI ARABIAN STUDENT INCREASE



CHINESE STUDENT INCREASE



McKenna, Regan issues heighten

Colleen Day
Editor-in-Chief

breaking ties last month that played out aggressively in the media.

Student Government Association President Colin Loiselle reiterated his former sentiments calling for Regan's separation from the university, an involvement he saw as a conflict of interest and must be removed in order for the university to start building itself back up again, with or without McKenna.

"I am confident that President McKenna acted appropriately and legally when she ended the relationship that Suffolk University had with Regan Communications," said Loiselle in an interview with the Journal late Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the power struggle between McKenna and the Board, which appeared resolved in January, is back in the public eye as the Board's initially quiet attempts to look into McKenna's alleged misspending broke last week.

In a letter to McKenna, Regan claimed \$477,000 in damages after his firm was ousted, threatening to sue Suffolk if a settlement is not reached by April 5. Additionally, the letter noted that McKenna used "Suffolk funds to engage in 'extreme spending' and personal travel, and was

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Law professor to advise McKenna on diversity issues

Sam Humphrey
Managing Editor

Frank Rudy Cooper, a Suffolk University Law School professor and President Margaret McKenna's Senior Adviser for Diversity, has been appointed to lead a task force to address diversity issues at Suffolk.

Having spent his career focusing on many different diversity topics, including race and masculinity issues, Cooper said he plans to use his experience to help make

Suffolk more welcoming and inclusive.

On accepting the position, he recalled that the university was founded to support groups who had limited opportunities, something he strongly believes in.

"The legend is that [Gleason] Archer tried to get more Irish Bostonians into Harvard Law School, and when they said they weren't willing to do that in any significant way, he started his own law school,"

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Suffolk University is stirring again as the fallout between the Boston institution and its former public relations ace George Regan escalated on Tuesday with his April 5 deadline calling for the university to settle his nearly half a million dollar claim passing with no deal in sight.

Sources say outgoing President Margaret McKenna remains unyielding in refusing to negotiate any settlement with Regan or his firm, news coming on the heels of the pair

Newly appointed advisor aims for opportunity, inclusion

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said Cooper. "So the law school, which preceded the university, was founded on the idea that we were going to give access to opportunity to groups who had historically been marginalized. So to me, the core of this position, and also of this university, is to expand opportunities."

Cooper grew up in Cambridge where, "from an early age ... I was being taught a lot about the importance of diversity and inclusion and also equity, which is sort of equality along a number of axes, not just race but also gender, sex orientation, age, disability," he said.

That awareness led him to develop a concern for diversity and inclusion as a student at Amherst College and Duke University School of Law, where he was involved with the Black Student Union and the Black Law Student Association, respectively, and "friends of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community."

As a young man, Cooper knew of Suffolk, but had an impression that it was not a school for all of the city's students.

"When I was in my 20's, my impression of Suffolk was it was a great place to be a local kid of Irish or Italian descent to move up in the world and become involved in the politics of Boston, but maybe it wasn't

such a great place for African Americans, for Latinos, for Asian Americans," said Cooper.

"That's an issue, because our mission tells us we should be, first of all, a place where there's access to opportunity

for a variety of people ... Not only in the sort of phenotypical looks in terms of race, but also in terms of gender, sex orientation, age, disabilities, whether people are originally from the United States or not," said Cooper. "Those are all axes along which we should look like the local community, especially because we are branding ourselves as 'Suffolk Boston.'"

Indeed, part of Cooper's task force's work will focus on making sure Suffolk is an inclusive environment and that the school's community reflects the demographics of the city around it.

"We should reflect some of the diversity of Boston," said Cooper. "Inclusiveness is welcomeness, so not just that we have a variety of types of people at this school, but that everyone feels welcomed in the community, welcomed in the classrooms, but also welcomed in the social spaces and the workspaces of the school."

Aside from the school's demographics, Cooper said he hopes to address complaints of insensitivity in classrooms across campus.

"Some issues that, anecdotally, I've heard about are students in classes making comments that show that they are naïve about the experiences of minorities -- racial

minorities, sexual orientation minorities, people from different countries," he said. "There's always a tension with offensive comments in that. We

"The core of this position, and also of this university, is to expand opportunities."

- Frank Rudy Cooper



Courtesy of Suffolk University

Cooper is a co-founder of the John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Workshop, an organization whose main focus is the advancement of black, male law school faculty.

want people to speak up and share their views, but I always tell my students, 'You can and should attack ideas. You should never attack people.'"

Above all, Cooper said the school has an ideal opportunity to address these issues under a university president who has also focused on diversity throughout her career.

"We have a great opportunity at Suffolk right now. We have a president who is a civil rights leader who really cares about diversity, inclusion and equity," he said. "We need to take advantage of this window for making this a stronger place, a better place, a more welcoming place."

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News Brief

Regarding an incident involving a Suffolk student last week, Vice President of Marketing and Communications Greg Gatlin said in a statement, "Suffolk University Police responded to a student in need of a medical assist Wednesday March 30. EMTs also responded and transported the student to the hospital. The student was subsequently released from the hospital."

First Amendment on the Internet: Flaws, complications and changes

Jacob Geanous
Journal Staff

Experts in litigation came together at Suffolk University's Law School to discuss the limitations of the First Amendment in the scope of the constantly-evolving landscape of our newfound digital age, focusing on the "Fourth Estate," a term used to describe the influential yet ambiguous forum of online information sharing.

The series, founded by Edward L. Masterson, JD '50, LLD '90 and his wife Sydel, was created to provide an open dialogue about the responsibilities of the press during the age of the Internet. In the past, the series has invited government representatives, legal professionals, and members of the press to discuss issues that are prevalent when dealing with freedom in cyberspace.

Jon Albano, a partner at Morgan Lewis, LLP, specializes in representing newspapers, broadcasters, and publishers in cases that call into question free speech rights, defamation and the access of information.

The lawyer has been thrust into the public eye recently with the Oscar-winning film *Spotlight*, based on his work with *The Boston Globe* to acquire documents that condemned the countless Catholic priests who were sexually abusing minors all over the greater Boston area.

"It would have come out a lot differently if, in 2002, there was as much available information as there is today," said Albano.

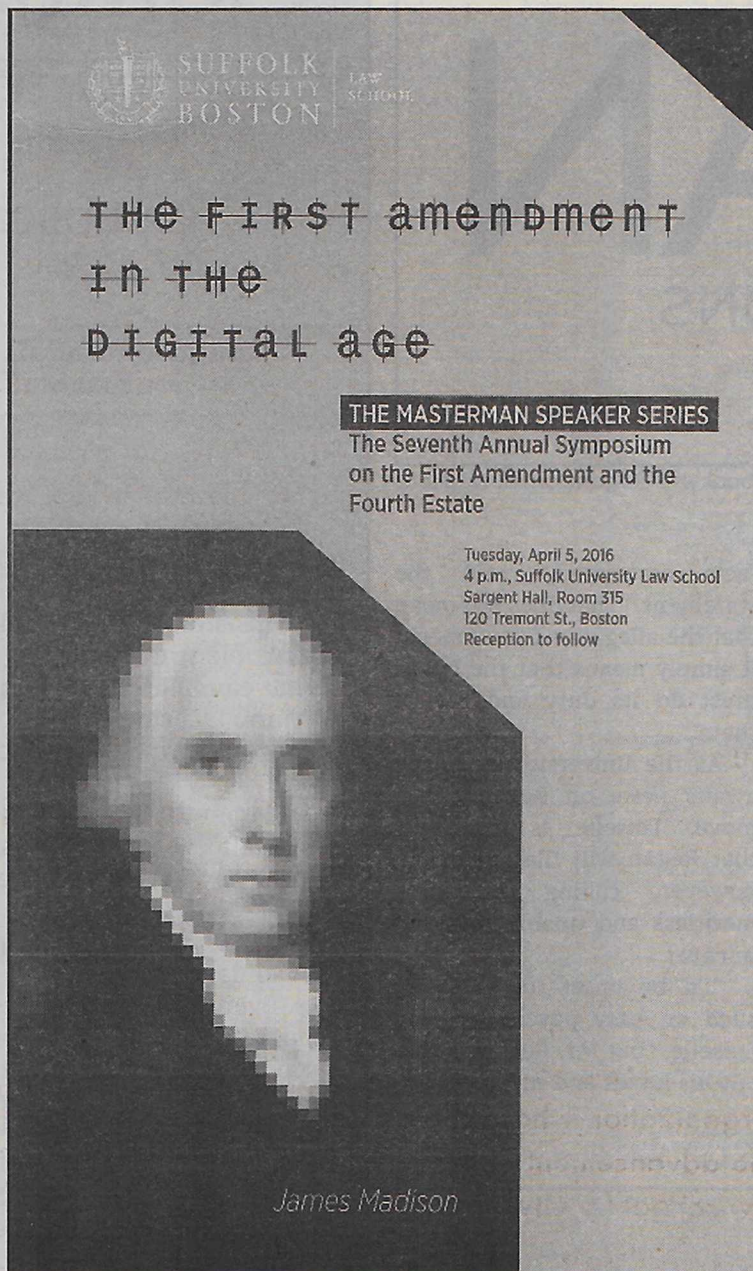
He explained that he has received countless phone calls from colleagues following the film's premiere.

He went on to discuss the fine line that the *Globe* walked after acquiring the unverified information on the numerous priests who were suspected of sexual abuse.

"The *Globe* paid for the information to be put on compact discs," said Albano. "If you're handing out discs that have information that has not been verified to spread all over the world, that's not good," he said.

He explained that the Internet, which has made the spread of information exponentially easier, must be carefully considered when potentially harmful information is acquired.

Daphne Keller, director of Intermediate Liability at the Stanford Center for Internet



Courtesy of Suffolk University

and Society, addressed censorship and the issues surrounding Google's removal of information, a result of information flagged and deemed inappropriate by moderators or viewers. She explained that nearly 82.5 million pieces of information on Google are given notices of removal every month, and about one out of 14 notices are due to online competition.

To demonstrate the difficulties of this situation, Keller referenced a case involving three Massachusetts girls who were exploited into child sex trafficking on Blackpages.com in the advertisement section.

"It's a huge issue," said Keller. "It's almost impossible for intermediaries to view every advertisement," she said, explaining that content in published online articles can be moderated much more easily than advertisement sections or comment pages.

Shifting toward censorship in the courtroom, the case of *The United States v. Alexander Ciccolo* accentuated how the Internet has changed the way the court handles information. Ciccolo, who took the name

Ali Al Amriki, was arrested for possession of firearms and was believed to be connected to ISIS. During police interviews, he expressed his commitment to ISIS's cause.

"He really believed ISIS would bring a better world," said Albano. "He said that the group never killed babies or children, unless they had to."

He explained that the court decided to have his interrogation video censored by covering Ciccolo's face with a large blue dot.

"We believe that if this video was public with the defendant's face, it would be an extremely effective recruitment tool for ISIS," explained Albano.

Countless other case studies were examined, and while the speakers generally agreed that there is no singular solution to the introduction of the Internet in relation to the press, they did provide numerous examples of how to cope with the increased accessibility of information.

"The remedy is legislation, not litigation; it isn't about policy, it's about politics," said Keller. "The question is how much we want to promote expression while maintaining privacy."

Police Blotter

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Friday, April 1

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abusive toward Suffolk staff," according to The Boston Globe.

In a statement, university spokesman Greg Gatlin called the letter "a thinly veiled threat to President McKenna personally and an attack on the university to which she is deeply committed."

Said Loiselle, "This threatening theoretic from Mr. Regan is baseless and simply a

further attempt to slander the name of President McKenna and this university."

Confirming the allegations made against McKenna are under review, in a statement released to The Boston Herald on Thursday, a spokeswoman for the Board, Justine Griffin, deemed their investigation for the time being a responsibility rather than an accusation.

"Like any other matter involving allegations being made about Suffolk University's president, it is the board's responsibility to review the

facts associated," said the statement. "That does not mean that the allegations have merit; it simply means that the board must do its duty and review them."

As the university anxiously awaits news on Regan's next move, Loiselle is confident that Regan will file suit soon, however, calling his case meritless and unable to stand in court.

"I'd be upset too if I lost such an easy paycheck," said Loiselle, "but Mr. Regan should cut his losses and move on."

Campaign Commentary

Will Trump be the Republican nominee?

Maggie Randall
Journal Staff

Over the past several weeks Republican, presidential candidates such as Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio and Ben Carson have begun dropping out of the race. Through and through, the one candidate that has consistently and boldly made sexist, racist and xenophobic statements has just become stronger.

That candidate is Donald Trump.

Trump is faring well across the United States, gaining support and winning presidential primaries in 20 states so far.

On Super Tuesday, when 11 states across the country cast their votes in presidential primary elections, Republicans in Massachusetts came out in support of Trump.

Many voters were surprised that Trump won in Massachusetts, given that it is a traditionally liberal state. Even so, Trump had less than half as many votes as Democratic hopeful Senator Bernie Sanders, who came in second to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. This shows that in the general election, the Democratic nominee, regardless of whether it is Clinton or Sanders, will easily defeat the Republican nominee if it is Trump.

Either way, the elephant in the room is whether Trump will be that nominee.

According to The New York Times, Trump has earned 736 delegates so far of the 1,237 necessary to win the nomination.

While Trump is winning in voters' hearts, less can be said about the hearts and minds of both Democratic and Republican representatives. Since Trump started his campaign last June, many politicians have doubted his ability to "Make America Great Again."

Democrats have spoken out against Trump's insults regarding minorities and the handicapped, and Republicans have tried to preserve the integrity of the Republican Party.

The Washington Post reported that Paul Ryan, Republican from Wisconsin and Speaker of the House, said, "If a person wants to be the nominee of the Republican Party, there can be no evasion and no games." Ryan also reportedly called Trump out for his "bigotry" and "prey[ing] on people's prejudices."

Of course, primary elections have only just started. But with Trump gaining a lead so early on, it is unclear if he can be stopped. He does not seem phased by those who disagree with his policies or his attitudes.

Not only politicians have spoken out against Trump, but influential companies have begun questioning him. The New York Times recently reported that large corporations such as Google, Apple, and Walmart are reconsidering the role they will play at the Republican National Convention this July in Ohio if Trump is the nominee.

A nominee must be chosen to represent the Republican party on the ballot. Either the nominee will be Trump, another candidate who is running, or there will be a brokered convention and Republican National Committee will be forced to come up with another candidate.

Some have speculated that if there is in fact a brokered convention, Ryan will be selected as the nominee for the Republican party.

Only time will tell if Trump's momentum will change between now and July.

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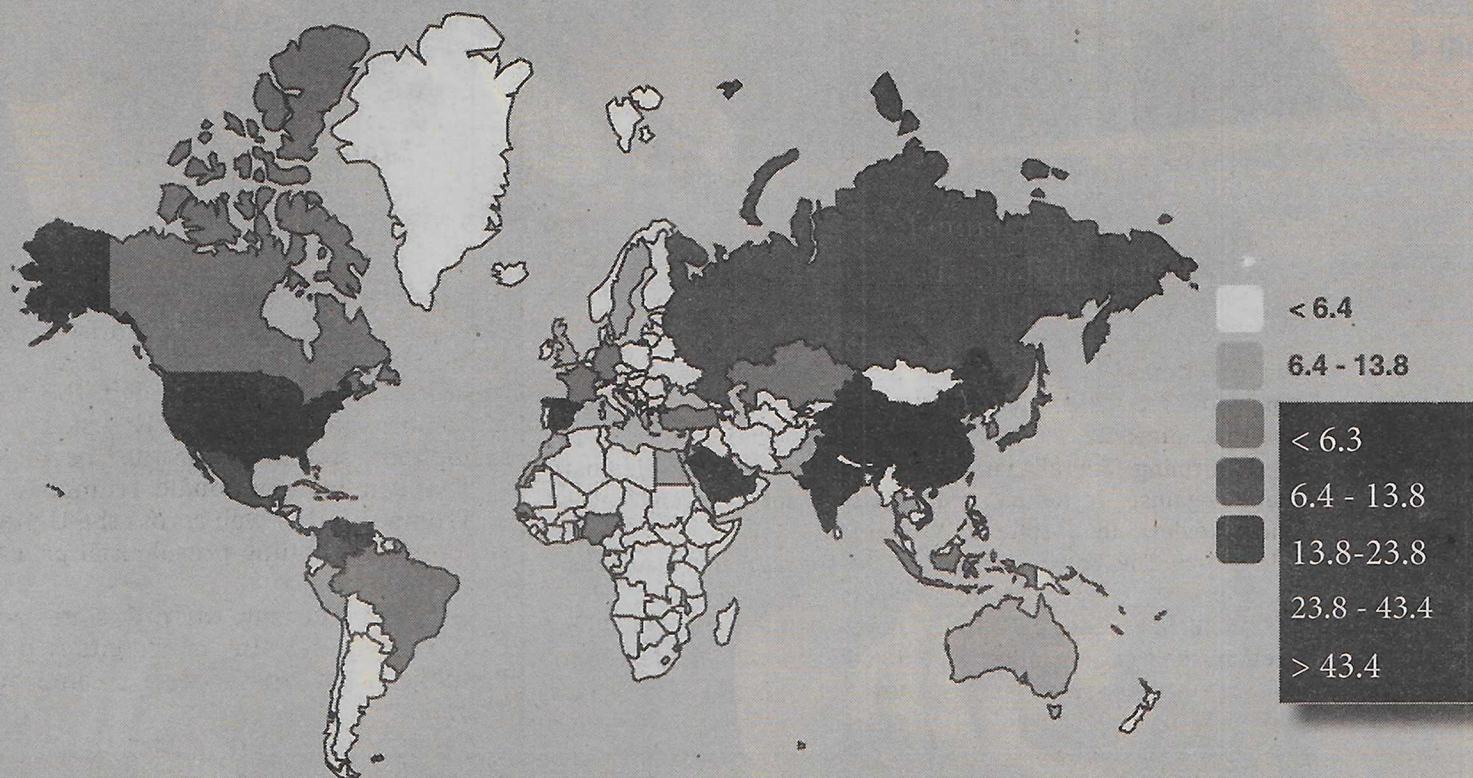
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Worldwide education influx spreads across nations

International Student Population



Alexa Gagosz/Journal Staff

Student populations from countries across the globe, according to statistics from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

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has increased from 235 in 2011 to 357 in 2014 and Saudi Arabian enrollment has seen quite a jump as well: 91 in 2011 to 203 in 2015. After these two countries, Venezuela, Vietnam, India, Mexico, and Spain send the most undergrads to Suffolk.

Sparaco said that many students from China go abroad due to a combination of a boost in economy and a lack of infrastructure for their enormous population.

"China has experienced a lot of economic success. Like any country, there are just more and more people to educate. Naturally, they're looking at other countries because their population is huge," she said.

"And while they have some great universities, there's just not enough spaces, so they do have to find school elsewhere."

Fitzgerald agreed and said, "It was probably just a matter of time before we saw that demographic increase."

Saudi Arabia, they said, initiated the King Abdullah Scholarship Program years ago that encouraged an overseas education, attributing to the large portion of Saudi Arabian

Suffolk students.

"Now there's probably about 100 to 200 thousand Saudis studying in the United States, and there's more than that studying in other countries around the world," Fitzgerald said. "They do decide what majors [students can study]; they want to mix it up a little bit so that they bring back a

is not clear. According to Fitzgerald, the Saudi Arabian scholarship is starting to become more limited, and the Chinese economy is slowing down.

However, "For every country with a decline, there's always an increase," Sparaco said, citing the increasing Brazilian student numbers at Suffolk.

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- Tracy Fitzgerald

workforce that has variety and has some diversity to it."

According to the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission to the U.S., students who take part in the program are required to choose a program of study in areas of health, engineering, business, science, education, digital media, psychology or hospitality.

Whether or not these populations at Suffolk will continue to increase, however,

Although Suffolk does send enrollment managers all over the world, recruitment, Sparaco said, has more to do with connections that students make in the U.S.

"Recruitment is not just people in enrollment management, but it's connections made through faculty, brothers, sisters and cousins of alumni," she said. "Suffolk has a lot of professors who are foreign

born or are internationally involved. That, in and of itself, is a recruitment tool."

According to Assistant Vice President of Enrollment and Director of Undergraduate Admission, Donna Grand Pre, Suffolk's admissions office spends approximately 10 to 15 percent of recruitment resources overseas.

"We also will allocate more resources or time to certain countries like China, due to the sheer size of the country," said Grand Pre.

One addition to Suffolk's large international student population stemmed from the closing of the Dakar, Senegal campus the university operated. Closed after a considerable monetary loss due to its upkeep, according to the Boston Globe, Fitzgerald said that students who had been completing their degrees in Dakar made the move to Boston.

"We did have the probably the largest West African population in all the schools in the city of Boston, but that is slowly going away because they're graduating, they're moving on," she said.

Indeed, the number of students from Senegal dropped from 60 to under 20 from 2011 to 2014.

"The nice thing is there's

such a legacy of Suffolk over there," said Fitzgerald. "People still know that name, and still want to come here because they've heard about it."

An Wang, president of the International Student Association, said that Suffolk's urban campus provides an easy place for international students to explore.

"The city life itself and the opportunities in the area give a new experience for all internationals to explore the heart of Boston," she said.

She said the environment of Suffolk "requires a bit more effort to connect with other students because Suffolk has a big commuter population, but that makes the effort more valuable."

Despite common issues that arise from these students studying abroad, including language barriers and difficulty with group work, Fitzgerald highlighted the diversity even among the international students at Suffolk.

"If you walk in front of the Sawyer building at class change time on Tuesday or Thursday, do you hear conversation in English? No," she said. "It's the UN, and it is absolutely, to me, just one of those breathtaking moments of this being a special place."

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Rampage hosts national show choir competition

Sharyn Gladstone
Arts Editor

For a team that began with a mere four members when it was founded six years ago, Suffolk University's show choir Rampage took to Orlando in hopes of continuing its growth. The group has expanded in size and talent over the last few years, and is one of its best since its conception.

Students have joined the choir from various backgrounds and majors, including students who have and do not have a background in show choir.

Johanne McIvor, the group's director, mentioned that along with hosting, each member of Rampage was given an additional task. The members escorted performers from eleven choirs to different performance areas and assisted in moving risers and band equipment. Others worked as hosts in the event's lobby, engaging attendees in conversations about Suffolk and working with merchandising.

McIvor, who founded Rampage, was impressed with how far the group has come.

"I'm very proud of the group because we started with four people six years ago and now we're up to this number," said McIvor as she motioned toward the ever-evolving group. "They're very, very dedicated."

The group's choreographer, Darvin Hernandez, a former high school student of McIvor's, joined the group three years ago and has also seen the ethic and dedication of its members.

Hernandez explained that there are students in Rampage who used to compete against each other in high school and are now working together on the same team.

Samuel Zeiberg, a senior studying theatre and history, made mention of the group's improvement over the course of his five semesters with the choir.

"It's been really great seeing how much the group's grown and improved since I started," said Zeiberg.

The improvement was also acknowledged by senior biology major Aubrey Bryan, the group's president.

"This is [the] best year ever, especially having been in it four years," Bryan said. "We try not to dwell on the past but we've had some years where everyone's kinda hated each other and there's been drama. This is the first year where we genuinely feel like family and



Courtesy of Kathy Maloney

"This is the first year where we genuinely feel like family and just love each other."

**Six years ago,
Director
Johanne McIvor
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Rampage with
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Sharyn Gladstone/Journal Staff

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The newest members of Rampage performed for the first time with the group on a national stage.

"I've done the show choir rodeo before, and I also feel very confident with the people I'm performing with," said freshman fine arts major Julianna Fielding. "They're such a quirky group of people and I'm really glad I got to meet them. It's really made my second semester here pretty great."

None of Rampage's members seemed too worried about performing at such a big event.

"There's certainly moments when it's tense, when we're really trying to get that one piece of choreography, or nail that one note in a song, but I know we're all really committed to making it the best song that we possibly can," said Zeiberg. "That kind of makes everyone feel like they're in this together."

Senior Megan Post, who is the group's public

relations coordinator and communications major, said the choir had a chance to bond while in Florida while also impressing their spectators.

"The coordinator for the event told us that we were the best host group yet, and couldn't say enough good things about how smoothly we helped make the event run," said Post. "We were given a dedicated electric guitar from the FAME company, a framed record and were presented with the Best 'Crew' award!"

Post said the award was a surprise, but was decided unanimously by judges. She explained that the group not only enjoyed networking with the other student groups and directors, but also relished in the opportunity to perform on stage at the Hard Rock Café.

"We're just so thankful for our music director, choreographers and the Suffolk community for allowing us to make it there and have that amazing opportunity," said Post.

Disney creates a living, breathing city in Zootopia



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"Zootopia"



Directed by
Byron Howard
Rich Moore

Starring
Ginnifer Goodwin
Jason Bateman
Idris Alba
J.K. Simmons
Tommy Chong
Octavia Spencer
Jenny Slate
Shakira

Rated PG (for some thematic elements, rude humor and action)

Colin Barry
Journal Staff

"Arguably the film's strongest quality is its story. It tackles the concern of prejudice in major cities, but does not force the issue down the throats of audience members and will not come off as preachy."

In a sprawling urban landscape, people come from all different backgrounds and personalities. Sometimes, everyone has the ability to work together, but more often than not, citizens just don't get along.

Disney portrays this situation of a metropolis, among other aspects of city life in Zootopia, its 55th animated film. It contains highly entertaining voice acting from leads Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman, whose characters perfectly highlight this unique adventure.

Goodwin plays Judy Hopps, a plucky and optimistic rabbit who moves from the countryside to follow her dream of being the first rabbit cop. She moves to the megacity of Zootopia, where predator and prey live together in harmony. Despite her enthusiastic attitude about joining the police force, she is stuck being a meter maid.

On Hopps's first day, she meets the rebellious and smooth Nick Wilde, voiced by Jason Bateman, a red fox who is a low-key conman. Hopps takes on a case where she must find a missing citizen of Zootopia and enlists Wilde to help her.

While featuring vibrant and perfectly cartoonish animation, the film goes above and beyond the theme of "animals that live in the city," and also might be one of the best representations of how people connect and correlate in a city, while also emphasizing on their personal relationships.

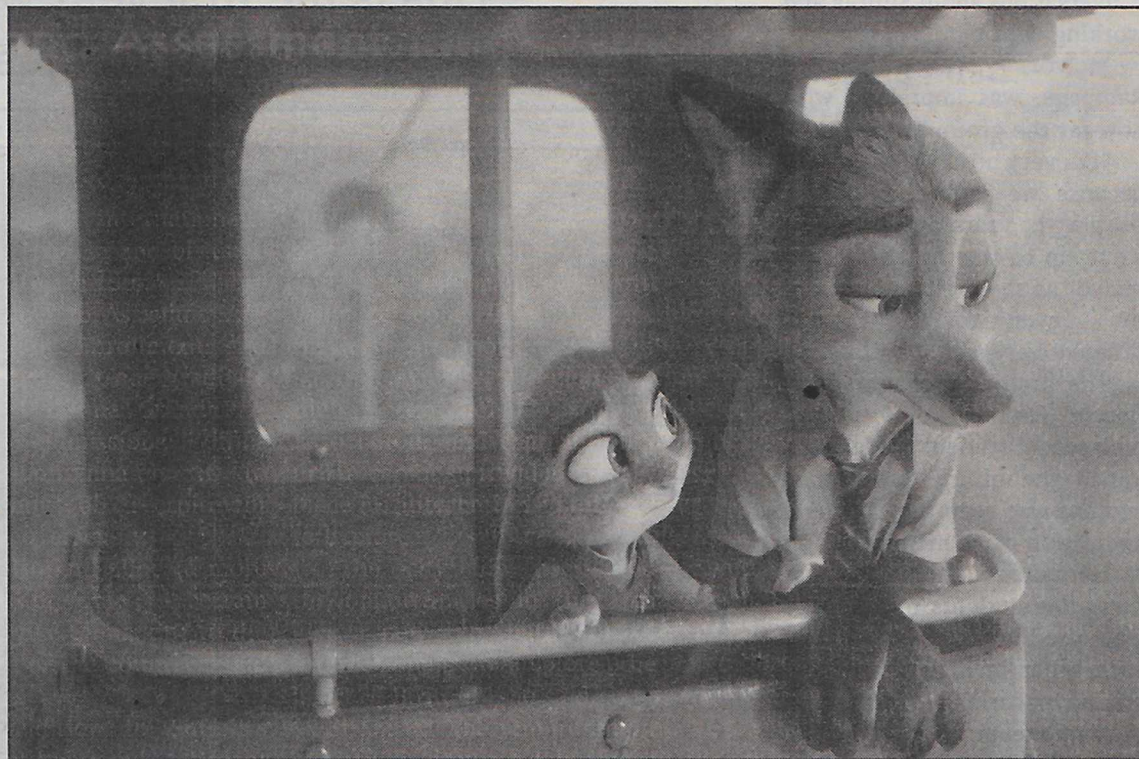
The pair end up going on a road trip throughout the extensive metropolis and uncover a conspiracy involving several missing animals.

Arguably the film's strongest quality is its story. It tackles the concerns of prejudice in major cities, but does not force the issue down the throats of audience members and will not come off as preachy. In fact, the film portrays how people across such a busy area treat each other and how it can negatively or positively affect someone in an organic way, which most films cannot do. In a strange way it is almost a family friendly version of HBO's *The Wire*.

Zootopia is able to balance deep themes, while also being captivating throughout. The story contains elements of classic cartoon comedy and detective stories. The film's plot has enough shocking twists and turns to keep both the children and their parents interested in where Hopps and Wilde head next.

The actual world of Zootopia may be one of Disney's most ingenious creations. The animation is absolutely gorgeous and has some great cartoonish moments to keep audience members laughing, but still keep it surreal. In one condition, they emphasize the style of the city in an in-depth visual aspect.

The township of Zootopia has individual districts with characteristics of environments that animals live in. One of



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the city's areas, the wintery landscape of Tundratown, is mostly populated by polar bears and mafia-esque winter shrews. Another instance is in a big chase scene where Hopps is trying to catch a weasel in an enjoyable chase sequence and ends up in a literal small town populated by tiny mammals. While she is a rabbit and already appears small, she emerges as a Godzilla-type monster to these critters, by stomping around and even moving buildings with her feet.

Goodwin and Bateman put on remarkable voice work and both Wilde and Hopps shine as two of the most likeable characters. Goodwin's never-

say-die persona and Bateman playing the wisecracking hustler really played off of each other.

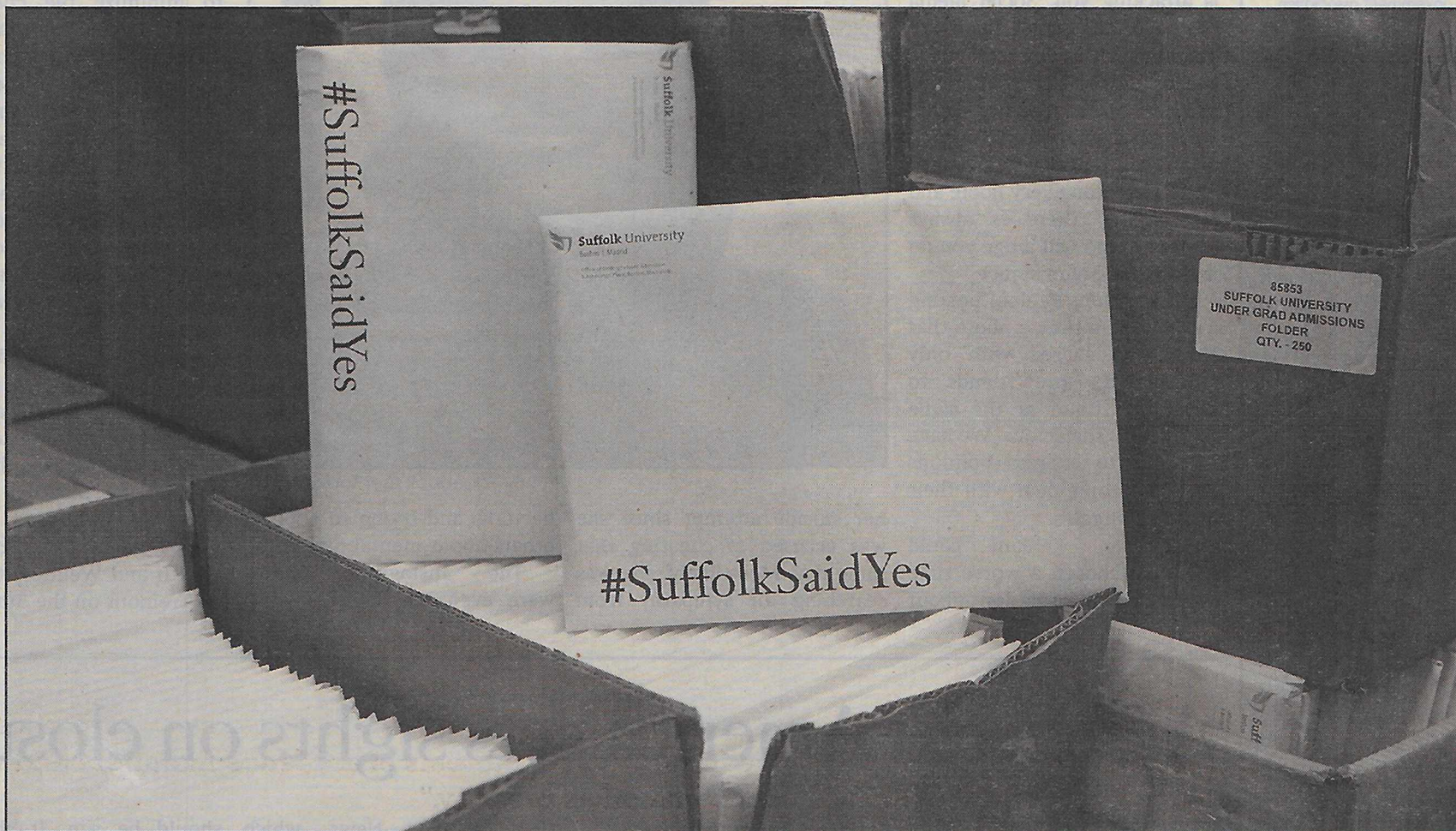
The characters' interactions create a lot of funny and endearing moments, especially when Wilde reveals his past. The way the two try to solve the case using their specific skills, such as Hopps' athleticism and Wilde's fast-talking nature, makes the whole experience incredibly enjoyable.

However, the weakest component of Zootopia is its supporting cast. While the performances are far from terrible, they are criminally underutilized. Academy Award winner J.K. Simmons and SNL

alum Jenny Slate don't have much to say or do in terms of comedy. Simmons played an overworked mayor and Slate being his foil should create some solid comedy, but unfortunately it does not. Idris Alba gets some minor chuckles as the humorless police chief, but he is also underplayed.

Zootopia is a great film that contains one of the most enthralling stories in any animated movie. It's a shame to see some good actors wasted, but the overall presentation of the movie, as well as its taking on significant modern day issues in a clever manner, which make it an incredible movie-going experience.

Tuition rise looming: Suffolk students paying more for less?



By Facebook user Suffok University

Colin Barry
Journal Staff

as reported by College Factual. The website takes into account various statistics on how they estimate how much Suffolk's tuition will be.

This is a massive amount of money for any incoming freshmen, especially considering the majority of the classes they will be attending will not be counting toward their major. A lot of freshmen are also undeclared, so they will be throwing money at what feels like nothing.

Sophomores and juniors do not fare much better, as this upcoming increase of costs will come as a shock since the tuition already increased last year. If College Factual estimates turn out to be unfortunately true, then those students better start saving up now or finding alternative sources of financial aid.

Seniors will ultimately look at this last year as a chore to pay for, and will be hopefully free of the tuition. However, the huge overall rise in cost will make it even more of an arduous cost to pay. They don't want to worry about paying for school when they have other aspects of their post-grad careers to pay attention to. This isn't counting Suffolk's always-popular Senior Week. No one wants to be worrying about money when they are supposed to have fun.

The price is not much better for commuter students looking to attend full time, as it equals

to a little more than \$38,000. This is also not considering how much the student is going to pay for gas or the growing MBTA prices.

This factor can also be difficult for students who live off-campus in an apartment since they will possibly paying tuition along with rent. It is all part of being an adult, but at what cost?

Part-time students, who will attend the university with less than 12 credits per semester, pay per credit. With one class being four credits, just going to one class is going to be close to \$5,000. Since they are part-timers, they will receive less financial aid as full-time students, which can result in their parents paying mostly out of pocket.

Since Suffolk is a private institution, they will not offer any "in-state" tuition discounts, which is a trait shared by several other colleges and universities.

Applying for scholarships and other forms of aid is helpful, but a student does eventually have to pay the sum of those back to the institution they borrowed from. It just means more money to spend in the long run.

For all students, they are preparing for a long, expensive road ahead of them.

The imminent raises are readily available through the Office of the Bursar, as well as online through Suffolk's website.

Suicide: How we react to mental health issues

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Asst. Opinion Editor

disorders ranging from depression to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Moreover, we should always be sympathetic and concerned for those who feel the urge to harm themselves.

Following Kehlani's post, celebrities and fans sent positive responses and prayers to her, and the hashtag #staystrongKehlani immediately went viral. Yet, there is no surprise that Twitter exposed the hatred of close-minded people in the world, starting with singer Chris Brown claiming that Kehlani lied about her attempted suicide and tweeting "stop flexing for the gram. Doing [this] for sympathy so them comments don't look bad."

Many others followed with similar opinions and accusations. It's simply devastating that we do not take suicide seriously as a nation.

Mental health is not a joke, nor is it a tool to use when you want sympathy and attention

On March 28, R&B singer Kehlani made headlines after she posted an Instagram photo of her arm connected to an IV cord and her caption revealed that she had attempted suicide. This all stemmed from her ex-boyfriend and singer PartyNextDoor's Instagram photo of them in bed earlier that day, while she was allegedly still in a relationship with NBA star Kyrie Irving. Her immature ex-boyfriend's actions don't matter, but what is important is the backlash her post received revealing that social media is the most disgusting platform in which to exist in today's generation.

According to the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, and on average there are 117 suicide deaths each day. This can be caused by many mental and emotional

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A WORD FROM SGA

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Dear Suffolk Students,

As the year winds down, there are only a few things left to do. The Annual SGA Leadership Awards will be next Tuesday, April 12 at Sargent Hall.

There, SGA, faculty, administrators and invited students will honor nominees and the winners from 25 different categories highlighting different leadership positions on campus. Be sure to watch out for the winners next week to congratulate your professors and peers on their hard work and dedication!

SUPD will be launching the Live Safe app next week, so get your phones ready! This app features a virtual escort system so your friends can make sure you are safe, calling SUPD escorts, calling 911.

The app also allows you to report incidents that you see either by name or anonymously, and it works internationally. Be sure to download the app to feel safe both on campus and wherever you may be in the world.

This week SGA will be meeting from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the State House Chamber instead of Somerset B18. It'll be a regular meeting, just set in a historic, political building across the street.

We still encourage all members of the Suffolk Community to attend. We want to hear what you have to say and will do everything we can to help with any problems and concerns.

We hope you all have a great week.

- The Student Government Association

Singer receives backlash

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at the height of a rumor that is attacking you. Social media is one of the worst places to announce an attempted suicide because, especially as a famous person, most Internet users don't leave sympathetic or kind comments unless you are dead or do something very noble and meaningful. There is always someone who will judge you no matter the circumstance.

In addition, Kehlani posting a shocking, intimate photo that should be shared with only family and close friends to explain a rumor at the same time seems suspicious. We have no right to express opinions on how people deal with their mental struggles.

However, Kehlani could not have chosen a worse time to release information about



By Facebook user Top 5 Stories

her suicide attempt since she was accused of cheating that same day. Most likely, she was searching for sympathy from

her fans and trying to educate others about mental illness. The Instagram photos were eventually deleted soon

after. Kehlani is now out of the hospital and everyone has seemed to move on. With hope and concern, she is getting help that she needs and taking a break from her career to minimize the chances of attempting suicide again.

Since this involved a celebrity, the incident was very prevalent in the media one day and then swept under the rug the next. But the thing is, everyday people are going through these exact same situations and it's sad to see how everyone decides to care about a person's life or well-being once they are dead. Whether she lied or not, suicide should always be considered a serious situation, and in no way should it be questioned or joked about. If you are struggling with any mental disorder or have thoughts of hurting yourself, please go to the Counseling Health and Wellness Center at 73 Tremont on the 5th floor.

Al Jazeera America sets sights on closure

Patrick Holmes
Opinion Editor

Since the creation of the Internet, many countries have constant access to information on the web. Because of this invention, news and media have now been put into place online and through social media. These actions and strides forward have given the public the decision of what to pay attention to and what not to.

That being said, the news outlet Al Jazeera is closing down its American version due to the economic challenges in the United States. We all know that means low ratings and not enough revenue being generated to support the company.

It was announced in January that Al Jazeera America would be shut down by April 30, and as the date looms over our heads just weeks away, it is a sad thought that my favorite news source will be no longer.

The organization seemed to be the most unbiased source of world information and it seems to be the only one going out of business in the U.S.

The company's CEO even told his employees, "You are the most talented team any organization could wish for," according to the New York Times.

If they are so talented, why is an organization that strives

for greatness going under?

The economic reasons given are a blatant cover up of the fact that Al Jazeera America did not receive enough viewers to sustain itself, and that says something about the audiences, not the network.

Recently, it seems the American public lean toward prevalent news sources like

CNN or Fox News, which historically have shown a consistent amount of political bias to either the Democratic or the Republican sides.

Because of this, other more credible news sources are losing viewership and shutting down such as Al Jazeera America. But, that is not the way journalism and the media

should be run. It should be that the most unbiased and objective news sources are the most powerful and influential.

If anything, I believe that Al Jazeera America will make a come back sometime in the future, but as of right now, the date of closure is nearing and the American people need to open their eyes.

Staff Editorial

For the students who live in the dorms, it's comforting to know that police officers are watching over your "home" 24/7. Some students will complain about the hassle of signing people in and even the time it takes to get into the building. But the reality is that the dorms are a lot safer than most places where students live.

However, it seems to be surprisingly easy to enter the academic buildings around campus without a second glance from an officer. When classes are changing, it's easy for anyone to be lost in a crowd. So how safe are the academic buildings at Suffolk?



Graphic by Wyatt Costello

Security might become tighter as the campus becomes smaller next fall with the removal of Donahue and Archer and officers will not have to be sent as far away from other buildings. Although, sources say that Suffolk police are not

receiving extensive training. This can be concerning for the students who rely on these officers to protect them.

If officers are not being trained correctly, is that why there seems to be less of them? Suffolk should put more emphasis on the officers who keep the students safe because ultimately, they are needed.

Moreover, officers should be on duty throughout the night in case of late nights for student clubs and organizations as well as faculty. Everyone deserves to feel safe at their university and to some that call it home.

Commentary: Red Sox seek redemption

Trevor Morris
Asst. Sports Editor

With the MLB season officially underway on Sunday, the Red Sox hope to bounce back from yet another failed season last year. But, the new season comes with multiple controversies.

When a team signs a star player to a maximum-level contract, it would seem that player would be the team's starting third baseman for years to come. Yet, if that player shows up to spring training and is still very overweight, the team may have no choice but to bench the player to start out the season. This is the case for Red Sox third baseman Pablo Sandoval.

Sandoval was not supposed to be starting for the Red Sox, but it's a role he will have to adjust too.

"It's different," Sandoval told ESPN in an interview. "I have to be positive and do all the work that I'm going to be doing."

However, the role change should not come as a huge surprise for Sandoval as he was simply outplayed during spring training and his lack of mobility at third base was evident once again.

Red Sox General Manager John Farrell also commented to ESPN about the role Sandoval will play this season: "I will say this: We need every one of our 25 guys to contribute [and] for Pablo in particular, this is going to be a different beginning to a season," Farrell said. "The role has certainly changed. How he and I and the rest of

our staff communicate with him, put together a work plan to keep him prepared and keep him moving forward, that's probably the biggest change for all of us."

The team is also facing other issues with their starting pitching roster. The team added lefty David Price to the rotation to give the team a proven ace, but after Price, the rest of the rotation looks bleak.

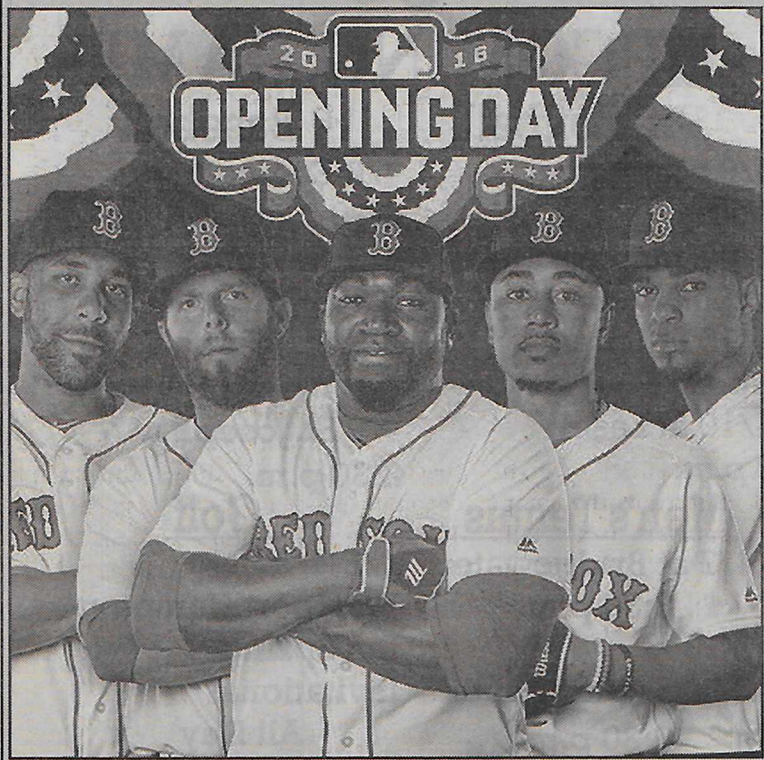
Farrell acknowledged that Price's ability is exactly what the team paid for: "Everything has been as advertised," Farrell said of Price. "He's shown his leadership qualities and personality in the clubhouse. [At times this spring], his command was almost midseason form, as well as he was following the glove around the strike zone."

The addition allows last year's "ace" Clay Buchholz to step back from the spotlight and focus more on being the number two guy in the rotation. But it's not as easy for the rotation.

Rick Porcello is coming off another down year and an even worse spring training. Peter Abraham pointed out "Porcello's 9.77 earned run average in four Grapefruit League (Red Sox Spring Training league) starts is not a product of bad luck or small sample size. He has allowed 29 hits in 15 innings, 12 for extra bases."

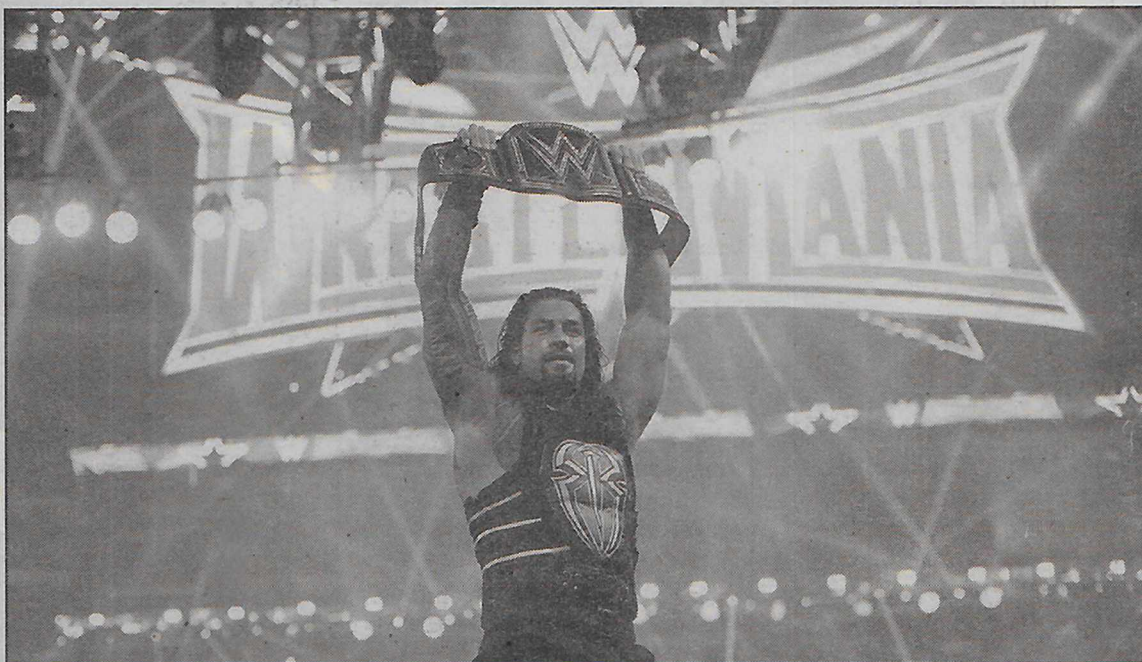
The Red Sox need him to be the same starter he was at the end of 2015.

Like every other year the Red Sox have their fair share of obstacles to overcome, but if the team can overcome them and the lineup is able to give the pitching staff the run support it needs, the Red Sox could push their way out of the basement of the American League East.



By Facebook user Red Sox

Mediocrity headlines WrestleMania 32



By Facebook user WWE

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Journal Staff

The AT&T Stadium was packed with more than 100,000 wrestling fans in attendance for the show in Arlington, TX. They were anticipating an engaging show, which is intended to the WWE's version of the Super Bowl, where athletic competition and pop culture collide. But it was the ending to the matches and moments within them that left fans confused and annoyed. They started to become vocal about it during the main event.

Triple H defended his WWE World Heavyweight Championship against Roman Reigns. The two have built a rivalry around Triple H beating Reigns out of the title over and over again. Triple H, despite being a bad guy, received cheers throughout the arena.

Reigns, whom the fans had been against for quite some time, did not stand a chance. The match itself was a straight up slugfest, as the two men traded stiff punches left and right. Reigns gave Triple H's wife, Stephanie McMahon, a spear, or a football tackle to non-wrestling fans. Reigns left the arena with fireworks thundering around him along with a chorus of boos.

The company is going to need to do a massive creative overhaul with Reigns if they want the crowd to cheer for him.

Next, the Undertaker and a returning Shane McMahon battled in the infamous Hell in a Cell match. If McMahon won, he would have gained control of 'Monday Night Raw,' the WWE's weekly show, and if Undertaker lost, he would have to retire.

A nearly 20-foot steel cell surrounds the ring and

anything can go in this match. McMahon and Undertaker are a 46-year-old and a 51-year-old, respectively. Fans did not expect much out of the two veterans, but they did give the fans another slugfest.

McMahon scared the audience as he dove onto the Undertaker after climbing to the top of the cell. Fans chanted, "Please don't die," made McMahon want to do it more, even with his three sons and wife in the front row. After falling and causing the crowd to watch the astonishing move, McMahon lost after Undertaker hit him with the tombstone piledriver. The crowd gave McMahon overwhelming respect.

Three of the top female wrestlers in the world faced off in a triple threat match. Charlotte, daughter of wrestling legend "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, won in one of the most exciting matches of the night. Her opponent, Sasha Banks, had her cousin Snoop Dogg rap her entrance theme, much to the delight of the crowd. Banks fought hard, locking in her Bank Statement submission maneuver on Charlotte and third competitor Becky Lynch, and hitting a frog splash as tribute to deceased wrestler Eddie Guerrero.

Perennial underdog Zack Ryder won the Intercontinental Championship in a seven-man ladder match, where several of the wrestlers involved left with plenty of bruises.

Another bright spot of the event was the fourth match between AJ Styles and Chris Jericho. The match was also Styles' first WrestleMania and the two showed off they were impressive and fast-paced technical skills in the ring. Jericho won after hitting a codebreaker out of nowhere, making the score between the wrestlers two-two.

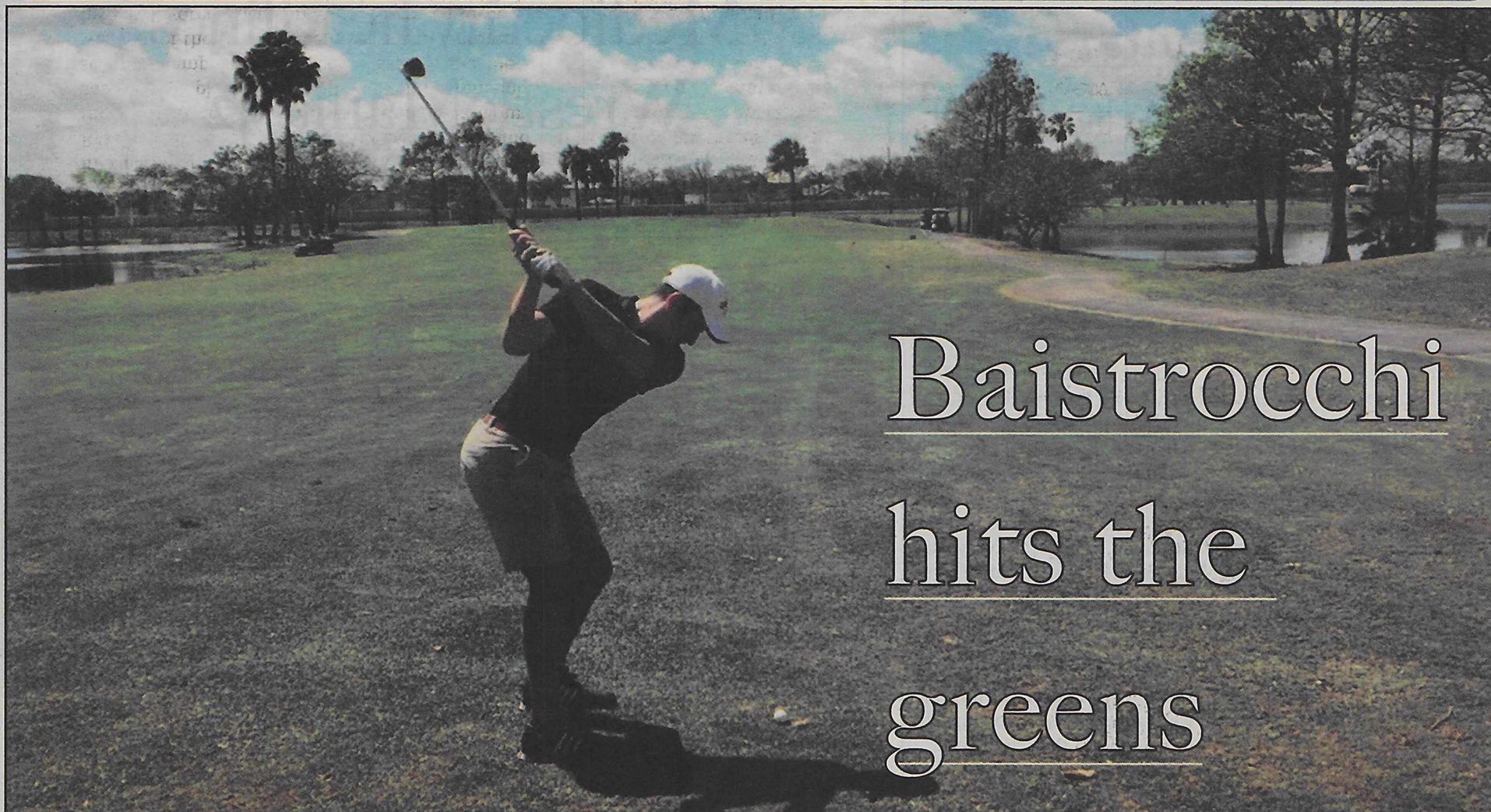
Brock Lesnar proved his dominance against current fan favorite Dean Ambrose in the most disappointing match on the show. Ambrose broke out several steel chairs, a few kendo sticks and a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire. Unfortunately, Lesnar defeated Ambrose after one F-5 onto steel chairs after a short and underwhelming match.

The League, who routinely loses week after week on 'Monday Night Raw,' defeated the New Day. Afterward, Shawn Michaels, Mick Foley, and Stone Cold Steve Austin confronted the League and the crowd went haywire at the sight of the legends.

NXT star Baron Corbin won the third annual Andre the Giant Memorial Battle Royal, but he was not the most surprising competitor. Newly inducted Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal was a surprise entrant.

In one of the event's most strangest moments, the Rock talked to the crowd for nearly 20 minutes and was confronted by crowd favorite Wyatt Family. Rock challenged the team to a match, and a returning John Cena helped beat down the opponents. The sight of a returning Cena may have made the crowd happy, but the continuing losses of the Wyatt Family are starting to make their fans lose interest and faith in them.

WrestleMania 32 was not the worst WrestleMania, however, it is far from the best. The five-hour show dragged at times, especially with the promo of the Rock. Reigns' victory was also something fans in attendance were not happy with. The new champion has a long road ahead of him, especially if the crowd is against him. Regardless, the show featured some great matches and was enjoyable overall.



Baistrocchi hits the greens

Courtesy of Marcos Baistrocchi

Skylar To Sports Editor

Sophomore Marcos Baistrocchi is heading into a three-week season as a two-year member of Suffolk University's golf team. Appearing in their fourth Annual Spring Series, the golf team opened the season with a one-day competition hosted by Rhode Island College Anchormen at the Valley Country Club in Warwick, R.I. on April 1.

The invitational was originally set for a two-day competition, but the second day was canceled due to inclement weather. Suffolk finished 15th overall of 16 teams.

The 19-year-old advertising major wished for a second day of competition to learn and

improve his game from the first day.

Prior to preparing for a competition, Baistrocchi said the team practices on putting, chipping and driving for an hour before parting to compete with players from other schools. On average, finishing a course takes three to four hours to complete. Baistrocchi uses his score to either perform better or match his score if he played well.

Other than his short game, which is hitting short shots with accuracy, Baistrocchi thought he played well as he got the ball on the green.

"My short game didn't give in, I really want to practice on my short game," he said. "My score didn't reflect how I played."

However, Baistrocchi thought he did well on his driving, which helped him to stay on track during the course of the one-day trip.

The 40 mph winds Baistrocchi faced on Friday afternoon made it more difficult to send his putts into the holes.

"The greens were difficult," he said. He wants to work on his putting and hitting as "the ball didn't want to go in."

Baistrocchi said in order to keep his head in the game, he needs to take the game hole-by-hole.

"I was just angry at myself, it affects other holes," he said. "Once you lose your head, you lose your concentration."

At the end of the team's past fall season, Baistrocchi

created a short list of "the little things" he wanted to improve on heading into the final two week stretch of the year, listing working on his putting, long drives, and keeping the ball in the fairway.

"I thought I could have done better," he said. "I feel like we didn't fulfill our potential."

Baistrocchi said as a group, the team is striving to do better. In the fall, the team ranked eighth place in both the 2015 Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships. The team also placed 19th of 22 teams at the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) Championships.

"Hopefully, our team does better this season," he

said. "We have young talent, everyone's great on the team. We're motivated to do better this season."

Baistrocchi and his eight teammates will travel to the Allendale Country Club in North Dartmouth, Mass. on April 8-9 for a two-day competition at the 2016 Westport Hampton Inn Spring Invitational, hosted by the UMASS Dartmouth Corsairs. The three-week season will conclude on April 16-17 as the Johnson & Wales University Wildcats host the two-day spring invitational at the Cranston Country Club in Cranston, R.I.

"[We're] going to have a great three weeks, it'll be memorable and hopefully we can win the tournament," he said.

Jenkins' shot cements Villanova's championship run

Trevor Morris Asst. Sports Editor

"The pass to Jenkins, the shot for the championship," said the announcer and the rest was history as Kris Jenkins hit the game-winning, three-point shot to propel the Villanova Wildcats to victory over the North Carolina Tar Heels. According to SB Nation, Villanova shot 58.2 percent from the field, the highest shooting percentage ever for national champions. Villanova's average margin of victory of 20.6 points in the NCAA Tournament was the second-best ever, only behind 1996 Kentucky. Villanova's six assists were tied for the fewest ever by the winning team in a national title game since they started tracking that kind of thing. Point guard Ryan Arcidiacono hit 71 percent of his twos and 62 percent of his threes during the NCAA Tournament. He was named Final Four Most Outstanding Player. Jenkins shot is one player who will forever be remembered for winning Villanova their second championship in school history and the first since 1985. This tournament was one of the best in recent years and featured Middle Tennessee State's win over heavily favored Michigan State. Northern Iowa won a game because of a half-court buzzer beater but horribly collapsed the next game. Villanova's shot was certainly the play to top them all.



UPCOMING GAMES

Softball

4/9 Emmanuel

Noon

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2 p.m.

4/10 at Lasell

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Men's Tennis

4/7 at Bridgewater

3:30 p.m.

4/13 at

UMass.-Dartmouth

6:30 p.m.

Baseball

4/6 Endicott

3:30 p.m.

4/7 Newbury

6:30 p.m.

4/9 St. Joseph's

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Golf

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